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**Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks**

The reply filed on 23 December 2002 (Paper No. 13) is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because: the applicant did not elected an invention in the restriction mailed 30 September 2002 (Paper No. 11). The preliminary amendment filed 30 November 2000 (Paper No. 8) contains an unsigned one page amendment to the specification regarding the priority of the application but does not contain the claims 13-21 referred to by the applicant.

Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael Pak whose telephone number is 703-305-7038. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Yvonne Eyler, can be reached on (703) 308-6564. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-308-4242.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-1235.

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